

Table 2.7. Case-control/comparison studies of KSHV and multicentric Castleman disease

Reference, study location and period	Characteristics of cases*	Characteristics of controls*	Detection method	Exposure categories	No. of exposed cases	No. of exposed controls
Bélec <i>et al</i> (1999a) Paris, France	8 patients with MCD, with POEMS Syndrome	15 healthy controls	IFA assays for antibodies against late proteins on a KS-1 Cell line (Adv Biotech Md, USA)	IFA intensity on a scale 1-4	6/8	0/15
Parravicini <i>et al</i> (1997) Italy	14 lymph node specimens from Italian HIV-seronegative patients	25 HIV-seronegative patients with non-neoplastic reactive lymph nodes showing varying degrees of follicular hyperplasia	PCR (reported previously in Corbellino <i>et al.</i> (1996a))	Positive / Neg	6/14	0/25
Soulier <i>et al</i> (1995) Paris, France	31 patients with MCD, who were mainly from 2 hospitals: 14 HIV +ve (1 KS), 17 HIV -ve (9KS)	34 non-KS non-MCD lymph nodes from different patients with reactive follicular and/or interfollicular hyperplasia	(PCR) detection of KSHV sequences using the primer set for KS330	Pos/ Neg	14/14 HIV +; 7/17 HIV-	1/34
Asou <i>et al</i> (2000) (Japan or USA, not specified)	Pathology specimens from 10 cases of MCD	21 reactive lymphadenopathy, 10 MALToma, 104 non-AIDS NHL 25 AIDS NHL	PCR	Pos / neg	1/10	0/139

* Selection of cases and controls not clear.